(b) whether the Ninth Finance Commission has made special recommendations for tackling the problems of Bombay City;

(c) whether the Government have finalised the proposal of grant for the year 1991-92 to meet the requirements of the city; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 50 Crores has been sanctioned by the Ninth Finance Commission for providing necessary infrastructure & essential civic services in Bombay.

(c) and (d). The development of cities & towns is a State subject. In certain special cases where the physical condition in the city warrant and immediate action, Central Government providess assistance in a very limited way. The funds for the development of infrastructure in urban areas are routed to the State Govt./Union Territories through the Planning Commission under their annual plan scheme, on the basis of the proposals, received from the concerned State Govts./Union Territiories. This is applicable to Bombay city also.

Rise in Coal Prices

1263. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rise in coal prices of various grades effected by the Government recently and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the likely impact thereof on the consumer, both in the public and private sectors and anticipated overall escalation in the production cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The revision of coal prices w.e.f. 28.12.1991 has increased the average pithead prices of coal produced by Coal India Limited (CIL) by 29.3% and that of Singareni Collieries Company Limited(SCCL) by 30.6%. The prices of coal have been revised to recoup the increase in the cost of Wages and other inputs.

(b) The estimated increase in production cost of three major coal consuming sectors because of increase in the price of coal w.e.f. 28.12.91 is as follows:-

	CIL Coal	*SCCL Coal*
Power (paise/KWH)	5	6.48
Steel(Rs./tonne)	250.50	
Cement(Rs./tonne)	18.25	22.75

[*Translation*]

SC/ST quota in BHEL

1264. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prescribed reservation quota for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited